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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member how many Munsifs have since been confirmed as a result of the orders issued by the Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The confirmation of Munsifs depends entirely upon the High Court. So I am not in a position to answer that question."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether these Munsifs have put in long years of service—5 and 6 years—and are yet to be confirmed?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I do not know, Sir."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member whether the Government will be pleased to bring this matter to the notice of the High Court?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No, Sir. The High Court is expected to know its own functions."

Prisons and Prisoners

Alleged ill-health of Messrs. Surendra Mohan Ghosh, Jivan Lall Chatterjee and Benoyendra Nath Roy Chowdhury in Rajahmundry Jail.

* 216 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that three Bengali State prisoners, namely, Messrs. Surendra Mohan Ghosh, Jivan Lall Chatterjee and Benoyendra Nath Roy Chowdhury who are now detained in the Rajahmundry Central Jail are suffering from various complicated ailments;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Surendra Mohan Ghosh was brought to Madras last month for examination and diagnosis conducted at the Madras General Hospital;

(*c*) if so,

(i) the details of the present condition of his health such as the complications, weight and temperature;

(ii) the result of such examination; and

(iii) findings of the examination as to the diagnosis;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that while Mr. Surendra Mohan Ghosh was detained in the Trichinopoly Central Jail he was suffering from chronic dysentery and whether after examination by the Medical Officer there it was recommended to the Government for his examination by specialists as it was suspected to be a case of intestinal tuberculosis; and

(*e*) if so, what steps the Government have taken in that direction?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) As the hon. Member is aware the Local Government are merely the agents of the Government of India in regard to this matter. The report of the Medical Board which examined the prisoner has been forwarded to the Government of India. The general diagnosis was chronic dysentery. The symptoms were of the type usually observed in such cases.

(d) & (e) He was reported to have been suffering from dysentery but no recommendation appears to have been received from Trichinopoly for his examination by specialists or to the effect that his case was one of suspected intestinal tuberculosis.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"May I know whether the Government have received any information from the Government of India with regard to the representations which it has made to them in regard to the condition of these prisoners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"May I know to which representation does the hon. Member refer."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"Does the Government say that neither they received any representation nor did they send a report to the Government of India?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Any representation that is received from these prisoners is forwarded to the Government of India."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"May I know whether the Government has received any information with regard to those representations from the Government of India?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Not with reference to the representations, mentioned in the answer to this question.

Appointment of a Medical Board to examine Messrs. Surendra Mohan Ghosh and Jivan Lall Chatterjee.

* 217 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Messrs. Surendra Mohan Ghosh and Jivan Lall Chatterjee, State prisoners, applied some time back to the Government to have their examination conducted by a Medical Board of specialists like Dr. B. C. Roy of Calcutta and others;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to appoint such a Board; and

(c) if not, whether the Government will state the reasons for the same?